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Re the Application of: **Yasushi KANEKO** **RECEIVED**

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**REQUEST FOR RESEARCH**

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Sir:

This is a Request for Research so that the Patent Office may be able to specify why \$400 was deducted from Applicants' Attorneys' deposit account.

In response to an Office Action dated November 30, 2001, Applicants filed an Amendment and a Petition for Extension of Time for One Month on April 1, 2002. Applicants note that April 1, 2002 was the final day of the one-month extended response period; March 30, 2002 being a Saturday. Applicants note that April 1, 2002 was the next official business day. Applicants included a check for \$110 for the one-month Extension of Time. Applicants attach herewith a copy of the date-stamped return post card that indices receipt of the Amendment, Petition for Extension of Time, and check.

A deposit charge of \$400 was subsequently charged on October 8, 2002. Applicants do not recognize this charge for anything that has been filed in the referenced application. A copy of the Deposit Account monthly statement dated October 2002 accompanies this Request.

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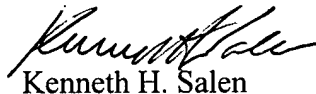
Applicants have previously requested a refund for the \$400, but received a letter from the Patent Office bearing the contents, "No refund is due." Beyond this helpful message, Applicants would appreciate an explanation as to why \$400 was deducted from the Deposit Account.

Applicants again request that the Patent Office **specify the cause of this charge**, and indicate why it was charged in addition to the amount originally forwarded by Applicants in the series of filings.

If a refund is due to Applicants, Applicants request that such refund be made to Deposit Account . 50-2866

Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated  
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